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## **LARGO MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT OF CONSUMERS' FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney Robert E. O'Neill today announced that William Gary Sullivan, a 54-year-old resident of Largo, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and fraud in connection with computers. The maximum penalty Sullivan faces is ten years' imprisonment and a \$500,000 fine.

According to the plea agreement, beginning in 2002 and continuing through June of 2007, Sullivan conspired with an unindicted co-conspirator to exceed his authorized access to databases maintained by his employer, using the unlawful access to misappropriate consumer information. Sullivan's co-conspirator paid him for the stolen information. The co-conspirator then resold the information to others, including direct marketers.

Sullivan was employed as a database analyst by Fidelity National Information Services, Inc., through its wholly owned subsidiaries Certegy Check Services, Inc. and Fidelity National Card Services, Inc. Certegy is a consumer reporting agency which maintained databases that contained consumer information on protected computers. Sullivan accessed these databases through protected computers. Sullivan was paid by the co-conspirator via business checks totaling more than \$580,000 over the course of the conspiracy for the fraudulently obtained data.

The stolen consumer information included each individual's name, address, and usually either bank account information or credit/debit card information or sometimes both bank account information and credit card information. Over the course of the conspiracy, Sullivan sold the financial information of approximately 8.4 million individuals from all fifty states, the Virgin Islands, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Armed Forces.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas N. Palermo.